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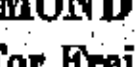
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Mr. R. Fraser Smith, editor and proprietor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, applied to-day at the Magistracy for a summons against Mr. O'Connell for criminal libel. The summons was granted, and the case will be heard on Monday. The charge is based on an alleged defamatory letter from the defendant to the complainant.

The trial of the men charged with the murder of Captain O'Brien is proceeding at Shanghai. There was some difficulty at first with the Spanish authorities, one of the prisoners being a native of Manila, but it seems to have been overcome. Two or three of the prisoners arrived when there was no evidence were discharged, leaving only the Manila man and the cook.

The Secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce writes, in an interesting style, to the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce soliciting its co-operation in a movement for the reduction of postal rates to the Far East. It is well known that our rates are higher than the French. A letter posted in the French Post Office at Shanghai costs less than a letter posted in the British. A part of the difference is due to the rates charged for the passage of the mails through Italy and France. We observed recently that these rates were going to be reduced, and the Post Office authorities ought now to be in a position to make some concession to the London Chamber. We do not think, however, that this agitation for the reduction of postal rates to the Far East is a matter that need interest the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce. Ten cents per half ounce is a very moderate charge for a letter, and if the rate were reduced to seven or even five cents, the saving to merchants in India and China would scarcely be appreciable. We do not believe it would lead to any increase in the volume of mail matter. European residents in the Far East are mostly people who can well afford to pay ten cents for a letter, and would never refrain from correspondence for the sake of the cost. With the Australian colonies of course it is quite different. A reduction of the rate to them would likely lead to such a great increase in the number of letters and papers as would compensate the Post Office. No profit is made out of the carriage of the mails to the Far East at present. If the rates were reduced, the deficit would either have to be made good by an increase of the contribution made by the Colony, which would simply be robbing Peter to pay Paul; or would have to come out of the pockets of the taxpayers at Home, who are not likely to throw away a part of their hard-earned earnings for the sake of cheapening the postage to a few well-to-do British residents in the Far East.

Some trouble being apprehended at Kiang-tse, which have not been received, H.M.S. Porpoise went down there unexpectedly from Hankow on Friday last week.

A Chinese Company is being started, with the sanction and encouragement of the Provincial Government, to work the silver mines of Ping-tien Chai, Kwei Hien, Kuangsi Province, which are reported as very rich in that precious metal.

From Hankow under date the 4th inst. we hear that the water there has risen very rapidly, a good 12 inches in the last 24 hours. It was well over the Bund, and it was expected that sampans would be required on Saturday to get about the settlement.—*N. C. Daily News*.

This Hu Pao of Sunday, 6th October, publishes a letter from Hangchow addressed to a native charitable society called Jen-tai Shun Chang (Beneficent Aid Society), calling for help for the sufferers from the floods in the Province of Chékiang, and making some startling statements about the extent of the distress there. This, it says, is as great as in Honan or Shantung, for it involves a large number of people, and the loss of people derived being given as 100,000.

Largest accounts from the River ports state that the waters of the Yangtze have risen to an extraordinary height, and that the Kiang-Bund is under water. This means that the river has risen a great many feet above its normal level at this season of the year. We hear that there is terrible suffering all along the river, and that in many extensive districts the crops, which were already late, have been irretrievably ruined, while there must also have been enormous loss of life.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The *Shanghai Mercury* says:—The Cheloo Telegraph Convention of 1887, we hear on undoubted authority, has been signed by Li Hung-chang, and not only awaits the ratification of the Tsung-ti Yamen. We sincerely trust that the Yamen will not sacrifice the interests of China and of Foreigners resident in the country to the miserable little consideration of the subsidy which the Chinese Government—Mr. Li's—has been heretofore and handily received by the Government and taken out of the pockets of the many gobs in the Yellow River. He has since left for the south.

Drainage and distress caused by excessive rain and floods are reported from various parts of China. At Yangchow new rice is at \$2.05 the shi, or picul, old rice over \$3.00; flour, at 200 cash per 100 catties, and bean-oil at \$7.50 a picul, and still rising. A letter from Kwangtung Province says that the distress in the Chékiang and Kiang-chow districts (up the Han River from Swatow) is greater than it has ever been since the seventh and eighth years of Rien Fung (1857-8), the sale of women and children by people unable to find food for them in their own homes having become quite frequent.

The Bombay people of all classes and creeds have shown themselves both singularly unanimous and extremely earnest in their protest against the proposal to make Sunday the day of departure for the homeward mail from their port. Two leading daily papers, which are not always in accord, both appeared on the 18th September with full reports, six columns long, of the speeches delivered and the resolutions passed at the town's meeting held in the Town Hall on the previous evening; and both had leading articles endorsing the arguments of the orators. These last may fairly be said to have represented all the different communities and interests of the town. From the Bábists, who do not desire to see the churches emptied by business calls on Sunday, to the Volunteers who are able to get a Saturday afternoon half-holiday for their weekly parade when the mail work has been got out of the way, but who would have to resume their duties if the mail steamer were to leave port on Sunday, the European population is unanimous to a man (and a woman) in condemning and resenting the proposed change. The influential Native community also is equally strong in opposition. Hindu, Mahomedan, and Mohammedan, one day of rest in the week almost as much as the Christians.—*Indian Daily News*.

DISCOVERY OF A GALENA LODE IN HONGKONG.

It would appear that Hongkong has been basely misled by those who have hitherto described it as a place devoid of mineral wealth. An enterprising resident has for a few months past been making certain investigations, the result of which has been to prove the existence of a lode of galena, quite close to the city, which it is hoped and believed will turn out to be very valuable. The discoverer is Mr. J. Grant Smith, a gentleman well known in the colony. In an interview to-day he communicated the following particulars to a representative of this paper:—

There is no mistake about the discovery (said Mr. Grant Smith); it was made by me some time ago, and twenty other people have been making it since then. I wanted to say myself about it before making it public, and I have had a number of coolies employed at the place laying the rock bare. Pieces of ore have been carried down stream and picked up by coolies and others, and the thing has got talked about.

Did you make the discovery?

Well, in July last I went and made an examination of a portion of the hill where the rock had been exposed by the rain-storms washing away the earth. What I saw then satisfied me that the thing was really there, and I have been making investigations for about two months, and what I found is now pronounced by proper authorities to be a lode of galena, probably containing silver and other minerals.

Is this the first discovery of the same kind that has been made in the Colony?

It is, so far as I know.

No doubt you had an idea you would find something of the sort when you went to examine the place?

I knew that the denudation of the rocks must be very great, in consequence of the quantity of water that fell, and that the conditions were very favourable for discovering anything of the kind. I had observed the appearance of the rocks there, and felt certain it indicated something like what I found. My attention was attracted by the abundance of iron pyrites, some of which I took home and analyzed.

A well-known authority on mining says a metalliferous lode seldom shows its contents in their true condition near the surface, because it is there in a more or less decomposed condition. Well, you will see that the water that fell, and the conditions were very favourable for discovering anything of the kind. I had observed the appearance of the rocks there, and felt certain it indicated something like what I found. My attention was attracted by the abundance of iron pyrites, some of which I took home and analyzed.

What about the existence of silver in the lode?

I have no doubt about the silver being there, but of course I can't say anything on that point at present, no assay having been made. The fact is, it has become a question whether this is a lead mine or a silver mine.

On the top, at all events, it looks very favourable. The lode, so far as we can make out, is about a yard wide—that is the lode consisting of quartz, calcareous lime and other sparry matter, with lead filling the interstices. About what is to be done with regard to the discovery I shall only say at present that it is quite possible the revenue of the colony may be very soon benefited by it—perhaps to the extent of paying the expense of repairing the damage done by the great rainstorm.

THE CHINESE AMUSEMENTS SYNDICATE.

The adjourned statutory meeting of shareholders in the Chinese Amusements Syndicate was held to-day. Mr. R. Fraser Smith presided, and there were also present:—Messrs A. Denison, A. B. Roddy, Mak Lai, and J. A. Harrold (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, this is the statutory meeting of this company, and there is really no business to be brought before you; only I am very pleased to be able to say that the work in connection with the Syndicate has been carried on so efficiently, and that the belief in its efficiency and arrangements have been made to open the grounds at Bowington on Wednesday week. We have done everything we possibly could to make the show as attractive as possible, and we have every reason to believe they will prove a great success. I trust that at the first regular meeting we shall be in a position to show the shareholders of this company an excellent proof of their original investment. That is all the business, gentlemen, at present.

The Chi-nan-fu correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes:—The Emperor has been several decrees to the Governor to at once fill up the gaps, and still more to provide for the destitute. One hundred piculs, or 1,000,000 catties, of grain have been ordered to be retained for immediate distribution. A distinguished Belgian mining-engineer, who is now in the employ of the Chinese Government—Mr. Brainerd—has been here and was handily received by the Governor and taken out to see one of the many gaps in the Yellow River. He has since left for the south.

EASTERN POSTAL RATES.

The following letter has been sent to us for publication:—

The London Chamber of Commerce, Sept. 28th, 1889.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of yours of 1st August and am pleased to share your gratification that united action of the various Chambers has proved successful in securing the privileges of foreign mail steamers in Eastern waters. I trust that this experience of the value of united action will enable us to co-operate often and on other matters of mutual interest.

I enclose a Circular showing what we have done in regard to Eastern Postal Rates, but although my plans were carefully laid to raise a debate in Parliament in regard to the same, when the Postal Budget should come under discussion, they were defeated owing to the sudden and unexpected withdrawal of the Tithes Bill, which brought on the discussion of the Postal Budget in the small hours of the morning, when it was impossible to bring members of Parliament together in any numbers. Next session however I hope to take measures early and at least to make the Post Office feel that its action is under surveillance and that we shall continue to annoy the administration at every step and every opportunity until we get the rates reduced.

I trust therefore you will be good enough to communicate with the other Eastern Chambers on this subject and to continue to agitate actively from your side both through the Press and by Official communications of all kinds.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

(Sd.) KENNETH B. MURRAY, Secretary.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That the desire on the part of the community to preserve and do honour to the memory of Frederick Stewart is perhaps the most universal and spontaneous feeling by which the residents of this Colony have ever been actuated.

That I hear steps are being taken to carry out the general wish.

That it is to be hoped, whatever may be the form of memorial to be determined upon, the subscribers will make it as nearly as possible in conformity with the life-long aims of the man whom it is intended to honour.

That the name of Frederick Stewart could not be more appropriately commemorated here than by a memorial in connection with the educational institutions of this Colony.

That the lack of promptness and the absence of system, which are unfortunately the prominent features of our storm warnings, ought to be thoroughly reformed, reformed and re-reformed before the next typhoon season.

That the information that a typhoon is raging in the China Sea is certainly news for which Hongkong residents ought to be thankful, seeing that it comes to them as an act of grace from the Manila authorities.

That two or three subsequent messages were received concerning the same storm, of which due publicity was not given.

That the Director of the Observatory has hoisted his drum on the eastern yard-arm, which action indicates the interesting fact that a typhoon is blowing to the East of the Colony.

That so long as there is any possibility that the typhoon is not abating itself for a visit to this Island, little trouble appears to be taken to obtain information of its movements.

That a typhoon to the East or the West of Hongkong is more likely to affect vessels which are about to leave this Harbour than it is to disturb vessels in this port.

That it is reassuring to learn that a dinner and a smoking concert are to be given at Shanghai in honour of our Cricketing team after the friendly match has been played.

That, whatever may be the true explanation of the circumstances, the fact remains that the Guests' Team of Cricketers usually get the worst of the game.

That in Crickets, as with many other amusements or recreations of life, form and condition usually mean success.

That the hospitality and the pleasant intercourse will be enjoyable whatever may be the result of the play, and the Hongkongites can have their innings as hosts later on.

That the Sanitary Board has not succeeded in pleasing His Excellency the Governor by their scheme of Refuse-Disposal.

That, if my memory does not fail me, the members of the O-mitted do not please themselves individually, but made martyrs of themselves, and accepted something which would be tried as an experiment, and (if found wanting) could be thrown over.

That the Mongkok-McCallum scheme might have been tested in a similar way, with the approval of His Excellency.

That the Governor does not propose to forbid the Road's scheme being carried out,—he merely washed his hands of all responsibility connected with it.

That Mr. R. K. Leigh has given an opinion upon the Separate System of Drainage which will be generally approved.

That that system has been condemned pretty heartily by every one who knows anything about the Colony and its real requirements; but when an experienced M. F. O. E. who is also possessed of local knowledge, places his opinion on record—that the introduction of the Separate System here would be a public calamity—it is time that the responsible officials of the Colony should consider their ways.

That you are perhaps a little too hard upon Mr. Cooper, and if I had been quietly edged

into a tight place, as the Sanitary Surveyor has been by Messrs Danby and Leigh, I would have perhaps endeavoured to get out of it in the same way as he has done.

That there is one important fact which this gentleman of many capacities seems to have overlooked in his calculations as to the width of drain pipes—that, as pointed out by Messrs Danby and Leigh) although the average for two hours may be only 7 inches, it often rains at the rate of 5 inches for ten or fifteen minutes of that time.

That the cardinal mistake which Mr. Cooper has made is that he has cast in his lot with the previous regime of the Public Works Department, and most of his inconsistencies arise from his consistent and persistent support of the exploded policy of this late Surveyor General.

That no one, save Machiavelli or Richelieu could carry on the particular line of policy adopted by these great diplomatists, and to compare great things with small, Mr. Cooper has tried to accomplish a task too large for his attainments.

That, as was generally anticipated, the post of Colonial Secretary has been bestowed upon a gentleman outside of the Hongkong circle, whose claims were regarded by the Colonial Office too strong to be overlooked.

That if a large acquaintance with different Colonies and with a varied assortment of offices in these dependencies go for anything, Mr. Francis Fleming ought to be a public servant of great experience.

That his latest experience, in Mauritius, under and during the absence of Governor Hennessey, may have been his strongest claim of all to a change of climate in an official sense.

That it is refreshing to find the old and well-worn subject of Chinese bankruptcies and the inroads of British law to deal with such commercial incidents, creeping up once again—this time at the instance of the Chinese themselves.

That it is quite impossible to frame a Bankruptcy law which will be the perfection of reason, or which will protect those only who are unfortunate and honest.

That at the same time the ignorance which exists as a rule in Hongkong regarding the members of a Chinese hong tends to make even the feeble instrument of the Bankruptcy law little more than a dead letter.

That any amendment of the Bankruptcy law which will help honest traders in securing a reasonable dividend from a native bankrupt, will be a step in the right direction.

That at present the assets disappear and the liabilities remain behind.

That when Confucius gave to the world that specimen of crystallized wisdom that was his sage for the gods is sage for the gods, he never meant its application to be universal.

That 'the Master' constantly impressed upon his disciples the truth of no rule being without its exception.

That doubtless he foresaw 'in his mind's eye' that a class would arise to whom the English Bankruptcy Laws would prove a stumbling-block.

That the Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital follow Confucius and have lately waxed eloquent in denouncing the indiscriminate use of the sauce for geese and gander alike.

That in the eyes of many bankrupts and fire insurance are two easy retreats from ruin; to neglect the use of which is criminal.

That the records of the Court for many years show that the too easy 'letting down' process has not been neglected in Hongkong.

That things are really becoming serious, when mines of any description are being discovered upon our own Island.

That, in turning up a Technical Dictionary, the following description of Galena is found:—'A native sulphuret of lead, called also lead-glance. Its colour is bluish-grey; it occurs regularly crystallized, frequently in cubes and octahedrons.'

That the material and other factors are bad enough, and it is to be hoped that galena fever (or cubo-octahedron) may not be added to the climatic troubles of our little Island.

That the name of the plucky American on the Cantonese who risked his own life to save that of his companion by sucking the poison from a snake-wound, should be given to the public and the Humane Society.

That the Cathedral bells are by no means in unison with the interesting ceremony that took place beneath them this afternoon.

That these brazen-tongued torturers are rendering the air vocal with discord.

That may no discord arise in the lives of the two most interested in the ceremony.

BROWNIE.

Amoy.

(From our Correspondent.)

Amoy, 3rd Oct., 1889.

The weather here for the past fortnight has been very sultry, more like August weather than anything else, there having been no rain to speak of for over two months.

The authorities forbade the killing of pigs for three days, to propitiate the gods and induce them to send rain, but without avail. They then stopped the killing of fowls and pigs for three days and it looks as if the last remedy will answer, for the sky is clouding over. If no rains come soon, the crops will be spoiled, causing deep distress among the poorer Chinese.

There is a good deal of sickness among the Chinese, particularly fever, causing a great number of deaths. We have been remarkably free from cholera this year, both endemic and epidemic, not one fatal case having come to my notice.

The British barque *St. Julien* is here loaded for the New York market. Business is very slack for this time of the year. I think the foreign trade of the Port is getting less and less every year; and when Koolung Harbour is deepened the trade of Amoy, with the exception of local produce, will be nil.

The R. C. *Liou Feng* left this morning for Swatow, where I believe she is to be stationed for some time.

The tigers will soon be holding high carnival over the approaching departure, on a well-earned holiday, of their indefatigable slayer.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

The following is the Report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Agents, on Monday, October 28th, 1889, at noon:—

The General Agents and Consulting Committee have the pleasure of laying before the Shareholders the final Accounts for the year 1888, and an open Statement of the present year's working to 30th September 1889.

The 1888 Account.—The balance at credit of the 1888 Working Account is \$426,607.40, out of which the sum of \$234,225.18 has already been paid for Dividend of 10% to Shareholders, and a bonus of 20% to contributors of premium.

The remaining balance of \$192,382.22 has been decided, subject to the approval of Shareholders, to dispose of by adding to Reserve Fund the sum of \$113,000, thereby increasing it to \$417,000, paying a Final Dividend to Shareholders of \$2 per Share, making the total interest for the year \$7 per Share, equivalent to 14% on the paid-up Capital, and carrying forward the sum of \$59,382.22 to meet possible losses, and thus close the Account for 1888.

1889 Account.—The estimated profit on the Working Account of the present year, after making every allowance, is \$493,203.86.

Consulting Committee.—During the past year, Mr. C. D. Bottomley resigned his seat on the Committee, and Mr. T. E. Davies has been invited to take his place. This appointment now requires the confirmation of the Shareholders. The other members, Messrs Ryrie, Dalrymple, Layton, and Solomon retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election, as under Section 15 of the Articles of Association 5 Members have to be appointed to serve with the Chairman in the Consulting during the ensuing financial year.

Auditors.—The General Agents and Consulting Committee recommend the re-election of Messrs G. S. Coxon and F. Henderson as Auditors of the Office.

JARVIS, MATTHEWS & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1888.

Liabilities.

Capital subscribed, \$2,500,000.00

Amount paid up, ... 500,000.00

Outstanding Dividends, ... 2,915.00

Bonus on Contributions not yet collected, ... 3,089.25

Reserve Fund, ... 304,000.00

Balance of Working Account, \$426,607.40

Less Dividend, ... 234,225.18

10% paid to Shareholders and Bonus of 20% to Contributors of Premium, ... 234,225.18

192,382.22

Assets.

Cash, on Current Account, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, ... 48,454.73

Fixed Deposits:—

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, ... 200,000.00

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, ... 175,000.00

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, ... 25,000.00

New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited, ... 100,000.00

Mortgages, ... 164,450.00

Indian Government Stock, (4% Loan, 1885), ... 118,162.44

Indian Government Stock, (4% Loan, 1884-85), ... 48,767.11

Chinese Imperial Government Loan, 1864, ... 66,467.00

Chinese Imperial Government Loan, 1886, ... 63,133.14

Interest accrued but not yet payable, ... 19,459.05

\$1,024,882.02

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1888.

To Net Premium received less Re-insurance, ... 964,140.47

To Interest, ... 67,564.60

To Exchange, ... 3,029.25

To Transfer Fees, ... 94.00

\$1,034,829.02

By Losses and Claims under Policies, ... 170,113.45

By Charges, including Directors' Auditors' and Survey Fees, Agents' Expenses, &c., ... 58,605.65

By Commission, ... 75,252.52

By Balance as above, ... 426,607.40

\$1,034,829.02

We have compared the above Statements with the Books, Vouchers and Securities, and found the same quite correct.

GEORGE S. COXON,
FULLERTON HENDERSON, } Auditors.

ESTIMATE OF WORKING ACCOUNT FOR 30th SEPTEMBER, 1889.

To Premium Account, ... 871,500.00

To Interest Account, ... 4,160.26

To Exchange Account, ... 1,937.11

To Transfer Fees Account, ... 40.00

\$877,637.37

By Losses Account, ... 238,570.00

By Re-insurance Account, ... 67,635.04

By Charges Account, ... 38,321.01

By Commission Account, ... 39,981.80

By Estimated Balance at Credit, ... 408,200.98

\$877,637.37

J. O. E.
Hongkong, October 11th, 1889.

JARVIS, MATTHEWS & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

POOCHOW NOTES.

(Poochow Echo, 5th October.)

The continuous drought here portends an utter failure of the rice crops, and consequently great distress amongst the farmers and poor folk for the poor in the neighbourhood.

No news of any kind having reached us for some time regarding the late disturbances in the interior it was only to be presumed that all was quiet again and this is now confirmed by the return of the troops to the city. Reports come simultaneously by that the soldiers in the vicinity of the late encampments are not a little pleased to be rid of them.

Business in general, all over the country is reported to be in a very bad state; most of the shops from the bridge to the city are said to be unable to earn enough to pay their rent and salt for the day. Such is very likely to be the case; indeed, with the great reduction shown in this year

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Vessels.	Agents.
Neckar (a).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd.

Yanai	Patnaur (s)	Burnside & Swire...
Yanai	Peshawar (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Yanai	Ningchow (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Yanai	Bombay (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Yanai	Nanking (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Yanai	Galedonien (s)	Messageries Maritimes
Yanai	Robert S. Bonnard	Russell & Co.
Yanai	Oceanic (s)	U. & O. S. S. Co.
Yanai	City of Rio de Janeiro (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Yanai	Harvest Queen	Russell & Co.
Yanai		North & F. W.

Patana (s).....	K. & V. S. N. Co.
Pathan (s).....	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Agamemnon (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.
Gospara (s).....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Niobe (s).....	Siemssen & Co.
Wingang (s).....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Angkor (s).....	D. Pearson, Sons & Co.

Arratoon (s).....	Jameson, Sons & Co.....
Khiva (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....
Hailoung (s).....	Douglas, Lapraik & Co.....
Ynensang (s).....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.....
Batavia (s).....	Adamson, Bell & Co.....
Ancon (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....

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Seigel's Operating Pills are the best family physic that has ever been discovered. They cleanse the bowels from all irritating substances, and leave them in a healthy condition.

The best remedy extant for the bane of our lives—constipation and sluggish liver.

These Pills prevent fevers and all kinds of sickness, by removing all poisonous matter from the bowels. They operate briskly, yet mildly, without any pain.

If you take a severe cold, and are threatened with a fever, with pains in the head, back, and limbs, one or two doses of **Seigel's Operating Pills** will break up the cold and prevent the fever.

A coated tongue, with a brackish taste, is caused by foul matter in the stomach. A few doses of **Seigel's Operating Pills** will cleanse the stomach, remove the bad taste, and restore the appetite, and with it bring good health.

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Seigel's Operating Pills prevent ill-effects from excess in eating or drinking. A good dose at bedtime renders a person fit for business in the morning.

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Chung Wan.	Shau-ki Wan.
Ho-pang.	Shek-o.
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Hok-tai.	Shui-tung Wan.
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Hok-in Kok.	Tai-long Ha.
Hung-heing Lo.	Tai-lung Kung.
Hung-hong.	Tai-lung Kung.
Kai-lung Wan.	Tai-pang MI.
Kar-er Wan.	Tai-ping Shau.
Kau-tung.	Tai-shik Kok.
Kau-pui Shek.	Tai-tam.
	Tai-tam Tuk.

Kai-lung Wan.	Tai-ping Shan.
Ke-sz Wan.	Tai-shok Kok.
Kau-lung.	Tai-tan.
Kau-pui Shek.	Tai-tau Tuk.
Kung Chung.	Tai-wan.
Kung Kok.	Tai-wong Kung.
Lap-sap Wan.	Tang-lung Chan.
Liau Mun.	Tsat Tsz-mui.
Ma-tau Chung.	Tsui-ah Tsui.
Ma-tau Kok.	Tso-pai Tsai.
Ma-tau Tsui.	To-kwa Wan.
Ma-tau Wai.	To-ti Wan.

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